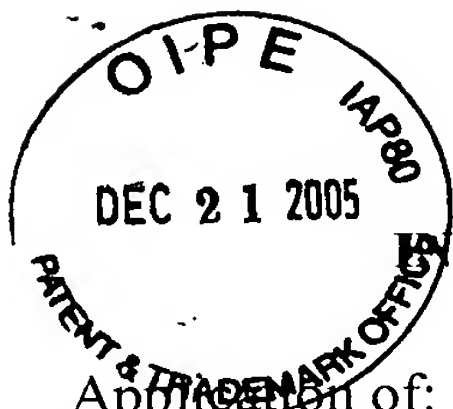


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2005, be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from December 13, 2005 to and including January 13, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120.00 . Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (103639-999029). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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